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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 remain pending in the application, with claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 being the independent claims. Independent claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 are sought to be amended. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by this Amendment.

Applicants have made the above Amendment to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,668,246 (hereinafter referred to as "Yeung"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reason.

Independent claims 1, 11 and 21 have been amended to include a similar feature of: performing security authentication of a content driver by a content decryption component in order to verify an identity of the content driver as a secure content driver, wherein the content driver and the content decryption component are located within a kernel application space. Independent claims 7 and 17 have been amended to include a similar feature of: establishing security authentication from a content decryption component, such that a content driver is verified as a secure content driver, wherein the content driver and the content decryption

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component are located within a kernel application space. Support for the Amendment can be found in the specification on page 10, paragraph 0038; on page 11, paragraph 0042 and Figure 3.

Yeung does not teach or suggest a content driver and a content decryption component located within a kernel application space. For at least this reason, independent claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 and their respective dependent claims 2-6, 8-10, 12-16, 18-20 and 22-30 are distinguishable from Yeung. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

INVITATION FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned, Molly A. McCall, at (703) 633-3311 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed accommodated or rendered moot. Thus, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, and as such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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